

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Weiner for the indication that Claim 3 would be allowable if placed in independent form including all the limitations of any intervening claims. As shown by the above amendment, Claim 3 has been canceled and Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating all of the limitations of allowable Claim 3 therein. As Examiner Weiner will note, the limitations of allowable Claim 3 have also been incorporated into Claim 9, placing this claim in allowable format as well.

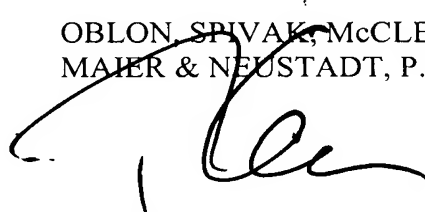
New Claims 10-20 have been added. Support for the new claims is found in the text of the specification as follows: page 9, lines 9-15; page 10 including lines 14-22; the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11; page 11, lines 17-25; page 13, lines 2-5, 14-15, 22-24; page 12, lines 19-21 and 21-23; and page 12, lines 4-15. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 stand rejected based on 35 USC 103. This ground of rejection is overcome by the amendment made to Claims 1 and 9. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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